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CAMPAIGN 2000: NEW FIELD POLL SHOWS GORE AND MCCAIN MAKING SOLID GAINS IN CALIFORNIA.

Editor's note: The new Field Poll on the presidential primary in Calif. really wasn't much of a shock, given the events of the past several weeks. The poll was conducted between Feb. 2-6 among 1,186 voters, including 775 likely voters. Here's our analysis...

... **The GOP first.** TX Gov. George W. Bush still has a **19 point** lead over U.S. Sen. John McCain in Calif., but in January that lead was **40 points!** In other words, McCain got a very large bounce off his New Hampshire win and the momentum is continuing. Current standing in the Field Poll is Bush **46%** vs. McCain **27%**. Steve Forbes and Alan Keyes aren't players in Calif., and Forbes has dropped out of the race altogether. Among **CA GOP voters**, the only ones who count when it comes to Calif.'s 162 winner-take-all delegates, Bush holds a huge lead over McCain among hardline conservatives (69%). Among traditional conservatives it's just about even, while McCain leads among moderates...

... Even in Calif., all eyes are on So. Carolina's Feb. 19th GOP primary. The verbal pot shots between Bush and McCain are escalating. The Bush line: McCain is an insider whose theme should be, "Do as I say, not as I do," a reference to McCain taking tons of lobbyist \$\$\$. When **Calpeek** suggested to a Calif. Bush operative that McCain was "the Demos worst nightmare," the response was: *that's just Demo spin*. Don't think so. FYI: Bush's 51% win in the Feb. 8 Delaware primary put him back on track. McCain didn't campaign there, but got 25% anyway...

... **The Demo side.** In the February poll, VP Al Gore leads former U.S. Sen. Bill Bradley by **54% vs. 13%**, with **16%** for others (Demos crossing over party lines) and **17%** undecided. In January, Gore was at **47%** vs. **19%** for Bradley. This means Gore has solidified his

hold on Demo base in Calif., while Bradley has slipped badly. Why the slip? It could be combination that Demos like this re-energized Gore and don't care for Bradley's style or his new attacks. Or maybe it's something else, such as Bradley's health situation (irregular heart beat). That's a hidden factor which might *not* show up in polling, but can't be discounted...

... FYI: A little slice of polling data from Calif.'s **19th SD** in Ventura Co. Moore Information (400 voters, Jan. 24-25). **Open primary ballot:** Bush(R) 31%, Gore(D) 26%, McCain(R) 10%, Bradley(D) 8%, Forbes(R) and Keyes(R) both 4%, Bauer (R) and Hatch(R) both 1% - and undecided 15%. In the new **Field Poll**, Gore leads the open primary with 30% vs. 23% for Bush, with McCain at 15% and Bradley at 8%. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN 2000: CALIF.'S BATTLE OF THE BONDS.

Editor's note: There are **5** bond measures on the Mar. 7th ballot --- with a total cost (after paying off the interest over a 25 year period) of about **\$8 billion**. That's a huge amount. Here's our update & analysis...

... The bonds are **Prop. 12** (\$2.1 billion Parks, Water & Coastal bonds); **Prop. 13** (\$1.97 billion Water bonds); **Prop. 14** (\$350 million Library bonds); **Prop. 15** (\$220 million Forensic Lab bonds); and **Prop. 16** (\$50 million in vet home bonds). FYI: the final cost after Prop. 12 is paid off is \$3.6 billion over 25 years...

... Calif. is enjoying great economic prosperity and generally speaking, in good economic times voters tend to be charitable when it comes to passing statewide bond measures. And indeed some early polling by Mervin Field showed Prop. 12 leading by a comfortable 63% vs. 22% margin, with 15% undecided. And a Godbe Research survey for Prop. 14 showed support at the 60% level...

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...But as one campaign consultant who is working on one of the 5 bond measures told **Calpeek**, "What the stock market does the week before the election could change the mood of the voters." Another source says the huge amount of collective bond package on the Mar. 7th ballot is a factor that is impossible to gauge. And indeed, there are sources who say that despite the good economic times, voters will very picky, meaning some of these bonds may not pass...

...Complicating the picture for the bond measures are Props. **21, 25 and 26** – juvenile crime, campaign reform and the 2/3rds to 50% vote to OK local school bonds. If approved, all of these measures could have a significant fiscal impact – especially 26...

...And while there are no serious opposition campaigns to any of the bonds, there are arguments against them in the *Voter Information Guide*. And our sources note that some of the GOP/conservative-oriented slates may oppose some of these measures. FYI: the Nat'l Tax Limitation Cmt. signed the ballot arguments against Props. 12 and 14. That stand will be reflected on NTL's slate...

...In terms of money to fund solid YES campaigns, Props. **12 and 13** are the **only two** at this point who have raised substantial contributions. The combined YES on 12 & 13 campaign has \$1.3 million cash on hand, while YES on 13 (on its own) has \$232,348 c-o-h. Prop. 16 – vet bonds – is starving with just \$351 c-o-h. Ditto for Props. 15 with \$27,710 c-o-h and 14 with just \$9,059...

...FYI: U.S. Sen. John McCain, GOP presidential candidate, signed the ballot arguments in favor of Prop. 16 – the Veterans' Home Bond Act of 2000. Very savvy move, Senator. Stay tuned...

CALPEEK'S CALENDAR OF POLITICAL EVENTS

Feb. 24	Campaign reports due (1/23 to 2/19)
Feb. 29	Last day to apply for absentee ballots.
Mar. 1	L.A. Times Demo Presidential Debate (L.A.)
Mar. 2	L.A. Times GOP Presidential Debate (L.A.)
Mar. 7	Calif. Primary (+ NY and 11 other primaries)
Mar. 11-14	Nat'l League of Cities Annual Congressional Conference (Wash DC).
Mar. 22-24	AAPC meeting @ Bally's Las Vegas

CAMPAIGN 2000: SAN DIEGO MAYOR'S CONTEST.

Editor's note: The battle to replace *termed out* Susan Golding as mayor of Calif.'s second largest city is only 3 weeks away. There's a new poll by Competitive Edge Research for KPBS and it shows the race to be wide open. Here's our update & analysis...

...The poll was taken Jan. 31 to Feb. 1 among 385 voters who cast ballots in the last 2 elections. Margin of error is 5%. There are 7 "serious" candidates, plus a handful of other candidates. The serious candidates are deep pocketed banker Peter Q. Davis; San Diego Co. Sup. Ron Roberts; Councilmembers Barbara Warden, George Stevens and Byron Wear; Superior Court Judge Dick Murphy; and ecological designer Jim Bell. Here's how they stack up in this CER survey:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>First Question</u>	<u>After Push</u>
Stevens	6.1%	8.8%
Bell	3.5	4.4
Wear	4.5	7.8
Roberts	10.2	12.2
Davis	9.9	15.8
Murphy	5.4	9.9
Warden	12.5	11.2
Someone Else	1.6	2.6
Unsure	46.3	27.3

...Until late last year, the frontrunner was Roberts. But with his deep pockets, Davis has been on TV since mid October. He may end up spending \$1.2 million in the primary and that would be a record. Roberts and Warden are just slightly off the pace. (The Roberts camp says their polling puts them in first). Most sources don't think Stevens has the right mix of issues or the \$\$ to make a runoff. As for Murphy, he's hanging on, but may not have the \$\$. But his questioning of the funding plan for the proposed Padres baseball stadium could catch on with voters...

...FYI: In terms of another hot issue, Roberts is blasting away at Golding and the council (read that as Warden) for the Charger deal (dating back a few years). Each time the Chargers fail to produce a sell-out of 60,000 paid fans, the city has to fork over money to the NFL team. Over the last 2 years this ticket guarantee has cost San Diego taxpayers **\$11 million**. By the time you read this story, Roberts will be on cable/regular tv. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN 2000: PROP. 21 – WILSON'S JUVENILE CRIME INITIATIVE MAY WEAKEN EXISTING LAWS.

Editor's note: **Calpeek** briefly covered Prop. 21 last week when we noted that CA Gov. Gray Davis has endorsed YES on 21, authored by former CA Gov. Pete Wilson(R). But most of the Demo establishment, as well as a few conservative groups, are opposed. Here's our update & analysis...

...Some call Prop. 21 *Pete's Final Wedge Issue*. And Wilson, along with the CA District Attorneys Assn.'s David La Bahn, are listed as 21's co-authors. Prop. 21 was written in 1997. Wilson wanted his Juvenile Crime Initiative on the November 1998 ballot. The title & summary for the initiative was submitted in November of 1997. Our sources say some of the language in 21 is taken from Demo bills that passed the Assembly that year, but were killed by Senate Public Safety Cmt. Chair John Vasconcellos(D). Example: AB 1538 by Assemblywoman Sally Havice(D). This '97 bill would have toughened laws against *criminal street gangs*...

...Wilson's initiative might have qualified for '98, but it got caught in a financial squeeze when the Indian Gaming Initiative(Prop. 5) began paying a premium for signatures. But it did get the required signatures to make the Mar. 7, 2000 ballot...

...According to our sources, after it became clear that Wilson's initiative would qualify, Legislative Demos passed at least 7 bills whose substance is included in Prop. 21 – but in some cases, these bills are tougher. The best example is SB 334, which was co-authored by State Sen. Dede Alpert(D) and Assemblyman Rod Pacheco(R). SB 334 was a massive "get tough on violent juveniles" bill, which was enacted in 1999...

...How will 21 weaken existing laws? If approved, 21 will kill off some of these crime bills already on the books, because these laws were enacted after 21 qualified. In fact, as **Calpeek** reported last week, 70% of what's in Prop. 21 is already law in Calif. FYI: SB 334 would be partially gutted if 21 passes...

...One of the main selling points of Prop. 21 is that it switches from judges to DAs the primary ability to try juveniles as adults. However, so-called direct filing by DAs already exists and was expanded in SB 334...

...FYI: Prop. 21 could be a very expensive initiative. According to the *Voter Information Guide*, cost of implementing Prop. 21 could be \$300 million a year, plus \$750 million in one time prison construction costs. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN 2000: CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE RACES.

Editor's note: Here is Part V in our continuing series of updates about the key Legislative primary races...

☒ 42nd AD – Had State Sen. Tom Hayden(D-West L.A.) decided to run in this AD now represented by Wally Knox(D-West L.A.), there's little doubt he would have defeated the current crop of 3 Demo candidates. But he dropped out, much to glee of West Hollywood Councilman Paul Koretz, city attorney Amanda Susskind and Dr. Daniel Stone. The 42nd AD is perhaps the most liberal/Demo AD in Calif., thus GOPers need not apply. However, the GOP vote in this AD could be key – especially if one candidate can get Republicans to cross party lines. Most insiders see this primary as a battle between Koretz and Susskind. Both have tons of endorsements. Koretz's best include L.A. Co. Sup. Zev Yaroslavsky, the Sierra Club, L.A. County COPE and Hand-gun Control. Susskind's supporters include L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan, 3 members of the West Hollywood City Council; and about 17 members of the CA Assembly. Stone is not that well known and thus doesn't have this kind of support. But he is an MD and with health care being such a hot topic, this may help. A Susskind poll showed Koretz at 13, Susskind with 11, Stone at 2, with a huge undecided. We know of at least 1-2 other polls which show about the same thing. In terms of \$\$, Koretz has done 4-6 mailings and has \$134,342 cash on hand. Susskind has done at least 1 mailing and has \$156,012 c-o-h. Stone has done 1-2 mailings and has \$146,186 c-o-h. Neutral sources say the race is very close between Koretz and Susskind, but some give a tiny edge to Koretz at this point...

☒ 43rd AD Update – This Glendale/Pasadena/Burbank AD is currently held by Demo Scott Wildman, who is running for the open 21st SD seat being vacated by Sen. Adam Schiff(D). The race in the 43rd appears to be a battle between attorney Paul Krekorian and Dario Frommer, a former top staffer in Gov. Davis' administration. Dr. John Hisserich's campaign hasn't taken off. Frommer has tons of support from outside the 43rd AD – lots of Demo lawmakers, but Krekorian has a lock on local support, the most important being popular Glendale Councilman Rafi Manoukian. And recently Krekorian won the endorsement of Schiff, which really POed Frommer's campaign, because Schiff had proclaimed neutrality. So why did Schiff endorse Krekorian? The Frommer camp says it was to offset some recent moves by U.S. Rep. James Rogan(R) to curry favor with the large Armenian American community. Rogan recently made a trip to the Armenian Republic. Schiff will be battling Rogan in November. The Krekorian/Schiff camps say Schiff and Krekorian's friendship goes back a long way. The Armenian Nat'l Cmt. PAC has endorsed Krekorian and 43rd AD GOP candidate Craig Missakian.

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Still a very tight race, although Krekorian has mailed at least 7 times vs. only 1 piece for Frommer. Sources say Krekorian's GOTV/field operation is awesome. Frommer has \$160,697 c-o-h vs. \$56,693 for Krekorian. Stay tuned...

CALPEEK'S INFOBAHN: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few items, political & otherwise, worth noting...

■ **The CRP Convention** – At their Feb. 4-6 convention in Burlingame, the CA Republican Party again stuck it to the moderates by adopting a State Party platform which is very hardline: NO to abortion, gun registration & affirmative action. And the CRP's platform also opposes gay marriage. So what's new???

■ **U.S. Senate Update** – The new Field Poll shows incumbent U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein(D) leading her GOP opponents with 52%. U.S. Rep. Tom Campbell of San Jose got 14%, while San Diego Co. Sup. Bill Horn was at 4% and State Sen. Ray Haynes got 3%...

■ **Prop. 28 correction** – Last week we listed Gov. Gray Davis(D) as both supporting and opposing Prop. 28. Wrong. He's opposed to Prop. 28...

■ **Prop. 22 Up roar** – The nasty rhetoric is certainly beginning to escalate in this campaign to ban same sex marriages. And poor Chuck Cavalier, the YES on 22 campaign consultant. He's been trying to keep the YES on 22 supporters from going overboard in their language, but to no avail. At the recent CRP convention, during the prayer breakfast, the hardliners who spoke in support of 22 really let go. It wouldn't have been damaging IF the news media had not attended, but they were there. The *S.F. Exam's* Robert Salladay's lead read: *"After listening to a passage from Corinthians about the greatness of love, CA Republicans sat down to a prayer breakfast and a warning: gay marriage is an evil akin to Nazi Germany and the filth and pornography of another kingdom."*...

...FYI: the new Field Poll shows support for Prop. 22 holding at 52% vs. 39% opposed...

■ **Setencich Not Guilty** – The Feds had gone after former GOP Assembly Speaker Brian Setencich of Fresno on bribery and mail fraud charges, but a jury found him not guilty. However, the jury deadlocked on

charges of filing false tax returns. Setencich now works as an aide to S.F. Mayor Willie Brown...

CALPEEK'S NEW JOBS AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

● Roger Faubel, co-owner of a p/a firm which is battling a proposed commercial airport at El Toro, has been appointed to the Mission Viejo City Council to fill a vacancy when Tom Potocki died Dec. 28th...

● Political consultants Robert Barnes and John Whitehurst have joined forces with business organization leader Mark Mosher and PG&E lobbyist Sam Lauter to form Barnes, Mosher, Whitehurst & Partners. The partnership begins Mar. 1st...

● Amador Co. Sup. Edward "Tom" Bamert has been installed as the chair of the 27-county Regional Council of Rural Counties...

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